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Lord's Day 10

March 9th, 2025

WELCOME

Grace to you and Peace!

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and all the saints: Welcome to **First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe**. We are pleased that you are here with us today to worship our Triune God. This bulletin contains a liturgy which will guide you through our worship services and prayer meeting. We invite you to join us after the service for coffee, fellowship, and snacks. Here's a bit of info about who we are and what we believe:

We are a Christian Church. Thus, we believe in the Holy Trinity: One God, in three persons: The Eternal Father, the Eternally-Begotten Son, and the Eternally-Proceeding Holy Spirit. As Christians, we confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3), as codified in the ancient creeds of the Christian Church: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Definition of Chalcedon, and the Athanasian Creed.

We are a Protestant Church. As Protestants, we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, but we also have historical roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries. Protestants believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over bare Church tradition and that salvation is by God's *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*, and for the *glory of God alone* (Eph. 2:8–10).

We are a Reformed Church. Reformed Churches originated from different regions in Europe during the Protestant Reformation. These churches believe and confess the doctrinal summaries of the Holy Scriptures that arose from that time period. Our tradition comes from the Scottish and English Reformations; thus, we believe and confess the Westminster Standards, written in England during the 1640's.

We are a Presbyterian Church. Presbyterians believe that the biblical form of Church government is through trained, called, elected, and ordained elders. In the Greek New Testament, they are called *presbyters*, which is where the name "Presbyterian" comes from. Our Teaching and Ruling Elders preach, teach, shepherd, protect the Church from false doctrine, and make decisions on her behalf. We also have trained, called, elected, and ordained deacons who take care of the material needs of the Church.

Reformed & Presbyterian Churches hold the public worship of God and the communion of the saints in high esteem. Thus, **the Lord's Day Worship Service** is the most important event of the week. During this time that we gather together to hear the Word of God, to pray and praise him, to receive the Sacraments, and to enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with Pastor Scott or one of our elders.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, March 9th

- 9:55 Announcements & Prelude
- 10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**
- 11:15 Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks
- 11:45 Sunday School
- 1:00 Courtney Manor Service
- 4:00 Prayer Meeting
- 5:00 Evening Service: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**

Next Feast – St. Patrick's Day Dinner is next Sunday, March 16th after the AM Service. Church will provide the Corned Beef; please bring an *Irish* dish, drink, or dessert to pass! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. On the bulletin board, you will find a sign-up sheet.

Mid-Week **Lenten Devotionals** are every Wednesday at 6pm until Passion Week.

Theology Thursday: Book Club – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the next book that we will read. Let us know what you want to read and we will read it. Our next book will start in the Spring.

As we do every year at Pentecost, we will be receiving new members into our Church. If you are considering membership, our **Presbyterianism 101** class is beginning on Wednesday April, 23rd. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in the class. Time to be determined based on participation.

Ways to Serve – There are several different ministries that you can participate in here at First Presbyterian. Check the bulletin board where you can find sign-up sheets for Hospitality (fellowship and meals), Lord's Supper Preparation, Greeter Ministry, and the Marketing Team.

You can also join us for our monthly **long-term care facility** services at Courtney Manor and Huron County Medical Care. Our next long-term care service will be this afternoon at 1:00 pm at Courtney Manor.

Prayer Meeting – Join us for the important ministry of prayer on Sundays at 4pm in the Lounge. We pray for our church, our family and friends, our community, our

country, our missionaries, and the universal church every Sunday before our PM service. Note: if we have a dinner after the morning service, we do not have a prayer meeting that day.

YouTube – If you are *unable* to attend worship due to weather, illness, vacation, or if you have been otherwise providentially hindered, be sure to watch our livestream services on YouTube! Just type in “First Presbyterian Bad Axe” in the search bar, and you can subscribe to our channel and receive notifications. In addition to our live services, you can watch several years’ worth of sermons. You can also share these videos with your friends and family.

Social Media – Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook where you can stay up to date with everything going on at our church. Just search for @badaxefirstpres

Church App – We have a church app for your smart phone. Go to the App Store and download “The Church App” for free on your mobile device and search for First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe. You can watch all of our sermons from the past five years, give online, see upcoming events, request prayers, and get connected.

Podcast – We also have a Podcast where you can find audio versions of all of our sermons. Just search First Presbyterian Bad Axe on your favorite podcast app and subscribe.

Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner – Tuesday, March 25th at Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. Doors open at 6:30, the Dinner and program begin at 7:00. Let Carol Holtrop know if you plan on attending.

Reach the Forgotten Annual Banquet (formerly *Forgotten Man Ministries*) – Thursday, April 10th at Harvest Church in Bad Axe. Fellowship begins at 6:00 and the Dinner begins at 6:30. Let Wayne Copeland know if you plan on attending.

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

Congratulations to Kim and Tracy Ziel on the birth of their grandson, Jack Thomas Ziel, on Wednesday, March 5. Mother and baby are doing well. Praise God.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members in Need of Prayer: Jackson Fluegge, Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, Hailee McLeod; those who serve as caretakers; expecting mother Dana Fleugge; all who are ill or traveling; long-term care residents: Pam Belew, Lorrain Dutcher, Bertha McTaggart, Donna Noble, and Ann Thaut; our shut-in ministry; and those who have ceased attending public worship regularly, that God would reveal to them their sin, the necessity of worship, and the communion of the saints.

Our Missionaries: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Colombia); the Wilsons (Middle East) as they work for the King and the advancement of the gospel of his kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting others to our church. That God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with our family and friends. That we would not be ashamed of sharing the gospel, but always ready to provide a defense for the hope that is within us.

Our Church's Ministries: That the work of the Session, Diaconate, Sunday School program, Missions, Trustees, and all the saints would glorify God and always be Great Commission-focused; that our service would edify the church and facilitate growth; that we would remain vigilant and faithful to the Word of God and our denominational standards; that our Sunday school classrooms would be full; that our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church on a regular basis; and that we would have better attendance at our PM services where the means of grace are offered.

Our Country: That the civil magistrate would rule with justice and uphold laws; that they would protect and encourage the good and punish the evil; that the right to gather and worship God would be protected and the civil magistrate would not interfere in matters of faith and worship; that our leaders would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governing would demonstrate that knowledge; that Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives; that Christians would direct others to God in the way they live their lives.

The Church Universal: That more people would come to faith through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month, we pray in particular for the Christians living under communist persecution in North Korea.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

"Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow him in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen."

The Collect | The Mystical Body of Christ

"A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses...And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

The Lord Jesus Christ | Luke 14:17–18, 23–24

"Not everyone who might expect to participate in the celebration of the reign of God at the end of the age will be included. Some will exclude themselves by their obsession with their worldly affair, showing contempt for the one who has invited them."

David E. Garland | ECNT Volume 3: Luke

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready'...Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb"

St. John | Revelation 19:6–9

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!"*

(Psalm 95:6)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

1 Corinthians

1:2–3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

*PSALM OF PRAISE

1 – All People That on Earth Do

Dwell

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalm 95;

124:8

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

†Congregation: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

†Congregation: **For he is our God,
and we are the sheep of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD;

†Congregation: **who made heaven and earth!**

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

READING OF THE LAW

Isaiah

55

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

†Congregation: **Sharper than any two-edged sword.**

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Westminster Larger

Catechism

Minister: What is the sum of the four commandments
which contain our duty to God?

†Congregation: **The sum of the four commandments
which contain our duty to God;
is to love the Lord our God
with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.**

Minister: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

†Congregation: **No mere man since the fall, is able, in this life
to perfectly keep the commandments of God;
but daily breaks them in thought, word, and deed.**

Minister: What does God require of us,
that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

†Congregation: **God requires of us repentance unto life,
faith in our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the diligent use of the outward and ordinary means
whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of**

redemption.

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

†Congregation: **Repentance unto life is a saving grace,
worked in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God,
whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger,**

but also, of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins,
and the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ
to those who are penitent,
that he so grieves over and hates his sins,
so that he turns from them, and turns to God,
purposing and endeavoring continually
to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Book of Common

Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone things which we ought to have done;

and we have done things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus.

Grant that we may hence live a godly, righteous, and sober life;

to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9; John

3:16, 18a

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

599 – Savior, Like A

Shepherd

Lead Us (1–3)

OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ruling Elder, Chris

Fluegge

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

The Book of Worship (BCO

54-1)

The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the owner of all person and all things and that we are but stewards of both life and possessions; that God's ownership and our stewardship should be acknowledged and that this should take the form, in part, of giving at least a tenth of our income and other offerings to the work of the Lord through the Church...thus, worshipping the Lord with our possessions.

*OFFERING OF PRAISE

The

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

Luke

14:15–24

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

†Congregation: **But the Word of our God stands forever!**

SERMON

The Ministry of

Jesus:

The Parable of the Great Banquet

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

469 – *How Sweet and Awesome Is the*

Place

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

(381)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again with glory,

to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

Insert – Behold the Lamb (Communion

Hymn)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda (3rd

Cent.)

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

†Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke

22:17–20

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this,
and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not

drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

*THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Keith & Kristen

Getty

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1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us-
 2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you-
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you-
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond-

C/G G sus4 G F/A G/B C Dm G/B C

- and we re-mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for-
 - eat and re-mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
 - drink and re-mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re-
 - and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

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give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
 price to make us one. So we share in this
 ceive the life of God. So we share in this
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His

C/E G A m F C/E F G A m

bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a
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 bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a
 suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll

F A m G sus4 F F/A G/B

sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the
 sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the
 sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the
 join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

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King.
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DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

***DOXOLOGY**

Gloria

Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end, Amen. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Hebrews

13:20–21

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYER MEETING (4:00 PM)

"For we do not have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.."

(Hebrews 4:15–16)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

For the health of: Jackson Fluegge, Ashley Franzel, Julia Mayes, Hailee McLeod, and Ann Thaut; expectant mother: Dana Fluegge; for all those who serve as caretakers in our congregation; for those who are ill; and for those who are traveling. **For those living in long-term care facilities:** Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Lorraine Dutcher (Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bertha McTaggart and Donna Noble (Meadow Lanes); that our shut-in ministry would be fruitful and that our members who are able, would participate in our shut-in ministry.

For non-attending members: that God would reveal to them their sin in and that he would grant them the understanding of the necessity of public worship and the means of grace; that by his Spirit, he would bring them back to the body of Christ so that they would not forsake the communion of the saints and the public worship on the Lord's Day for his glory and their edification.

For our Families: that husbands would love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that wives would submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. That parents would take seriously their duty to raise and train their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. That fathers would act like men and bring their families to Church. That parents would bring their children to Sunday School every Lord's Day. That children would obey their parents and show respect to authorities in the home, church, and society.

For our singles: that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church; that God would grant marriage to those who desire it.

For our widows: that the Lord would provide them support and fellowship through the church; that they would devote themselves to Christ and serve His body. **For our College Students:** Mackenzie Copeland, Jackson Fluegge, Regan Hobkirk, Hailee McLeod, and Brennan Wissner; that they would glorify

God in their studies; that they would attend a local church on the Lord's Day; and that God would grant them vocational clarity.

For Friends and Family Members: for the physical and spiritual health of: Deb Cleland (Lori McLeod's friend: praise for recovery); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembarski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia); Angie Gonzales (chronic pain); Andy Kish (Betsy Kish's stepson); Megan Knight and baby (Pastor Scott's sister who is expecting); Nicole Patterson; Libby Hill and Nancy McLeod (Allan McLeod's aunt and sister-in-law); Harvey Arthur Schmidt (The Ziel's newborn grandson: praise God for his recovery and health); Cecil Shuart (friend of the McLeod's); family of Tim Spitzley (Amanda McLeod's brother); Chip Vannest (Tammy Philp's brother); Brennan and Tiffany Winter (praise for a call to a PCA Church in Ferndale); Joe Yang (Pastor Scott's friend from seminary: colon cancer, chemotherapy); Bob Ziel (Kim's father: Courtney Manor, various health concerns); and Katie Ziel and baby (born on March 5th).

For all of our ministries: for faithfulness in our ordained officers, the ability to lead and shepherd for the Elders, strength and energy for the Diaconate, wisdom and a view of the Great Commission for Trustees, for our Sunday School program: attendance (especially for children's catechism), Sunday School teachers, and for those who serve in the Missions Committee. That those who participate in these would be blessed as they humbly serve for the glory of God. That these ministries would facilitate growth in the grace and knowledge Christ and be fruitful. That God would raise up and send more faithful men to lead and serve. That we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order. That God would bless our Church with more families, couples, and individuals who desire to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve in our Church's ministries.

For our worship services: That the Holy Spirit would work through the Ministry of the Word, Sacraments, and prayer for the salvation, sanctification, and preservation of God's people. That through these ordinary means, we would be built up in the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. That we would worship God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. That Christ and him crucified would be preached faithfully, week in and week out. That the gospel would go forth and people would be brought into the local body. That God would send or raise up more musicians and singers to serve him with their gifts. That our giving would increase and be congruent with the blessings that God blessed us with. That we would properly sanctify the Lord's Day and attend to the means of grace.

That our members would have a higher view of the Lord's Day and the worship services, and this would be evident in the fruit of their attendance of our morning and evening services.

OUR DENOMINATION:

New City Presbyterian, Ferndale MI: Senior Pastor is Tommy (Abigail) Myrick – Praising and thanking God for His providence over this past year. He has been faithful in growing His church in the richness of the gospel and the beauty and majesty of His Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of His people drawing us always closer to Himself and shaping us more into His image. Please pray that we will grow in trusting Him with all things, especially the very hard and difficult things He has set in our days. And help all of us continue to see that this church belongs Only to Him and is meant Only to further His Kingdom and bring Him All Glory. Please pray for our search for a Pastor of Family and Youth, may a man of God's own choosing be clearly seen.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp MI: Pastor Douglas (Lesley) Graham; Pastor Paul (Cecily) Davis; Pastor Jim (Sandy) Mascow – Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

Dan Millward (Laura) and the Detroit Project – We are focused on deeper, Spirit-filled lives both personally and within all our churches. Please pray that all who are on staff within the Detroit Project will remain so united with Jesus Christ that it will have a transforming effect, on of us personally, our families and our missions/congregations. Please pray for 24/7 Building leases. Negotiations are underway both with Jerry Riendeau at Grace Dearborn and Ryan McVicar at Red Tree Ann Arbor. Please begin to pray for Kingsley Lai and the real possibility of a church plant in Windsor, Ontario as part of the Detroit Project family, in cooperation with and oversight from the Ontario Presbytery. We remain grateful for our Presbytery and their commitment to the planting of new churches, that many will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Trinity, Hudsonville MI: Pastor Jeremy (Marie) Visser – remaining faithful the ministry of the ordinary means of grace; continue growth in the church and in the knowledge of God.

Stonebridge Presbyterian, Toledo, Ohio – Taylor Wright (Sarah) – Praise for passed exams and entrance into the PCA; balance for Pastor Wright as he carries out preaching, pastoral, and chaplain duties; continued growth.

OUR COMMUNITY & COUNTRY:

That in our community, we would be faithful witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ, ready to give a defense of the gospel and the hope that is in us. That we would be lights in a dark place, salt in a flavorless world, a city on a hill. That there would be a need for church planting Reformed Churches in the Thumb; for wisdom, provision, and buy-in regarding the starting a Christian School. That our local, state, and federal civil magistrates would lead, rule, make and enforce laws according to Scripture; that our state and federal laws would protect rather than allow for the destruction of the unborn. That our leaders would bend the knee to Christ and his Rule. For the protection of our armed forces, veterans, law enforcement, doctors, nurses, EMTs and all others serving in dangerous vocations.

That the Church in the United States would live according to God's Word and for his glory. That Christians would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives, setting an example for non-believers and bringing glory to God. That our lives and good works would bring God glory and direct others to him and his kingdom. That we would "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." That God would raise up leaders who seek to bring him glory as they serve on behalf of the community, county, state, and federal levels. For protection from government overreach and that the right to gather and worship would be protected regardless of the circumstances. That the Church in the United States would grow and thrive from a robust preaching of the Gospel and the whole counsel of God. That God would remove dead branches from the true church as well false churches who teach things contrary to Word of God or preach a false gospel. That he would be glorified in all of this.

OUR MISSIONARIES & THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:

Pray for all of our missionaries: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachi's (France), the Nachtergaele's (Belgium), and the Wilsons (Middle East), and the Shupes (Canada). This month, we pray in particular for the Aaron Shupe and family: as they transition from West Africa to a new ministry to refugees in British Colombia. For our congregation: that we would be missionaries in our own contexts by inviting and bringing our family, friends, and neighbors to participate in the many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and learning that our Church offers. As Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." (Jn. 4:34).

For persecuted Christians throughout the world who are suffering because of the Cross. That they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month we pray for Christians living under communist oppression, labor camps, and prisons in North Korea.

CATECHETICAL

WORSHIP SERVICE (5:00 PM)

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Traditional American Melody
Edwin O. Excell (1900)

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

"The perseverance of the saints depends...upon the immutability of the decree of the election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Christ; the abiding of the Spirit...and the nature of the covenant of grace: from which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof."

The Westminster Divines | WCF 17.2

"The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience. Man by his fall having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the Covenant of Grace: wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe."

The Lord Jesus Christ | John 14:16–17

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The LORD God | Genesis 3:15

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

St. John | Revelation 21:3

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

Jude

1b–2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm

72

*PSALM OF PRAISE

7 – From All That Dwell Below the

Skies

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READING & RESPONSES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah

42:1–9

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

17.1, 2 – Of the Perseverance of the

Saints

They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved,

[and hath] effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit,

can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace;

but shall certainly persevere therein to the end,

and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will,

but upon the immutability of the decree of election,

flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father;

upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ;

the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them;

and the nature of the covenant of grace:

these are the grounds of the certainty

and infallibility of their perseverance.

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

311 – *Hail to the*

Lord's Anointed

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation

21:1–4

SERMON

Of the Perseverance of the

Saints:

The Nature of the Covenant of Grace

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

657 – *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with*

Thee

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Tune:

57)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum

Corda

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

†Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians

11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you

drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***THE LORD'S SUPPER**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

THE DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

Now to Him Who is Able (Tune

#66)

Now to him whose pow-r is able
to protect our stumbling feet,
and prepare our souls for glory
there with joy our King to meet
so that we may stand before him
faultless at his judgement seat-

To the only God our Savior,
through our Lord Christ Jesus' name,
be dominion, power, glory,
majesty and matchless fame,
from before the world's foundation,
now and evermore the same!

*BENEDICTION

Numbers

6:24-26

*POSTLUDE

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

The Session

Wayne Copeland, *Ruling Elder, Missions*
Chris Fluegge, *Ruling Elder, Trustee*
Scott McDermand, *Teaching Elder (Moderator)*
Jim Philp, *Ruling Elder (Clerk), Trustee*
Kim Ziel, *Ruling Elder*

The Diaconate

Bob Hobkirk, *Board Member, Trustee*
Allan McLeod, *Board Member*
Scott McDermand, *Advisory Member (Moderator)*

Sharon Carpenter, *Diaconal Assistant*
Dan Clarkson, *Diaconal Assistant*
Linda Herndon, *Diaconal Assistant*
Carol Holtrop, *Diaconal Assistant (Clerk)*
Lori McLeod, *Diaconal Assistant*
Alex Smith, *Diaconal Assistant*

Church Office Hours

Linda Herndon (*M–F, 8:00am–12:00pm*)
Scott McDermand (*By appointment*)

Church Attendance: February 23rd

AM Service 67
AM Livestream

AM AVG. 2025	61
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	11
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	11
PM AVG. 2024	14

General Fund Giving

March Giving	\$
March Budget	\$



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